

KPI Information Update IU-89-2016

Cargo Hold Wash Water

MEPC.1/Circ.810 was to allow discharge at sea outside special areas of cargo hold wash waters containing residues of cargoes declared as harmful to the marine environment (HME) till 31st of December 2015 due to difficulties encountered noting the short time between publishing criteria for solid bulk cargoes considered harmful to the marine environment (HME) under the revised MARPOL Annex V and the entry into force of the Annex (on 1 January 2013) provided that based upon the information received from the relevant port authorities the master determines that there are no adequate reception facilities either at the receiving terminal or at the next port of call, the ship is en- route and as far as practicable from the nearest land but not less than 12 nautical miles, before

washing the solid bulk cargo residues is removed (and bagged for discharge ashore) as far as practicable and holds are swept, filters are used in the bilge wells to collect any remaining solid particles and minimize solid residue discharge, the discharge is recorded in the Garbage Record Book (GRB) and the flag State is notified utilizing the Revised Consolidated Format for Reporting Alleged Inadequacies of Port Reception facilities (MEPC.1/Circ.834). At its 69th session in April 2016 the committee decided to put an end to the allowable discharge to encourage the ports to provide for adequate reception facilities. Masters encountered with inadequate port reception facilities are recommended to report the same using format in Appendix 1 to MEPC.1/Circ.834.

